

REMARKS

The claims now pending in the application are Claims 10 to 16, 17, 19 and 21. The independent claims are Claims 10, 17, 19 and 21. Claims 1 to 9, 16, 18, 20 and 22 to 35 have been cancelled herein. Claims 10 to 15, 17, 19 and 21 have been amended herein.

In the Official Action dated May 6, 2003, Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,682,458 (Funazaki). Claims 1, 3 to 9 and 26 to 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,296,884 (Honda). Claims 10, 13 to 15 and 17 to 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,507,371 (Hashimoto). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as unpatentable over the Hashimoto '371 patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,023,635 (Nealon). Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as unpatentable over the Hashimoto '371 patent in view of the Funazaki '458 patent. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections respectfully are requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The rejections of the claims over the cited art respectfully are traversed. Nevertheless, without conceding the propriety of the rejections, Claims 1 to 9, 16, 18, 20 and 22 to 35 have been cancelled, and Claims 10 to 15, 17, 19 and 21 have been amended herein more clearly to recite various novel features of the present invention, with particular attention to the Examiner's comments. Support for the proposed amendments may be found in the original application. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that the prior art fails to anticipate the present invention. Moreover, Applicant submits that there are differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art, such that the subject matter taken as a whole would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made.

The Hashimoto '371 patent relates to a communication apparatus and method that link a network address with designated image information, and discloses a

video camera system in which when an image is recorded, record digital image data together with GPS information is recorded when capturing a digital image by a video camera. However, Applicant submits that the Hashimoto '371 patent fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed features of the present invention. In particular, Applicant submits the Hashimoto '371 patent fails to disclose or suggest recording in a converted representation form into the same recording medium which has read location information, as disclosed and claimed in the present application. Rather, the Hashimoto '371 patent merely discloses taking latitude and longitude information into the main body of a personal computer, displaying that region, displaying homepage address relating to the region, and further, linking to the homepage address.

The Funazaki '458 patent relates to a camera for recording shot data on a magnetic recording area of a film; the Nealon '635 patent relates to a dual film and still video studio portrait system using parallel dedicated magnetic tracks on film. However, Applicant submits that the Funazaki '458 patent and the Nealon '635 patent fail to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed features of the present invention. In particular, Applicant submits that neither the Funazaki '458 patent nor the Nealon '635 patent discloses or suggests recording in a converted representation form into the same recording medium which has read location information, as disclosed and claimed in the present application. Nor are these patents, alone or in any combination, believed to add anything to the Hashimoto '371 patent that would make obvious the claimed invention.

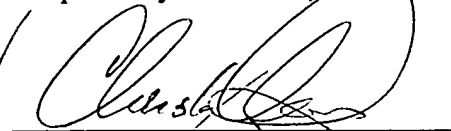
For the above reasons, Applicant submits that independent Claims 10, 17, 19 and 21 are allowable over the cited art.

Claims 11 to 15 depend from Claim 10 and are believed allowable for the same reasons. Moreover, each of these dependent claims recites additional features in combination with the features of independent Claim 10, and is believed allowable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims respectfully is requested.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action, and submits that the application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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